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Applicant

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: OPTICAL DEVICE PROVIDED WITH TREMBLE CORRECTING

FUNCTION

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §§1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby calls the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

- U.S. Patent No. 6,208,464 to TSUKAMOTO et al., issued on March 27, 2001;
- U.S. Patent No. 6,225,613 to TSUKAMOTO et al., issued on May 1, 2001;
- U.S. Patent No. 6,252,713 to HIRUNUMA et al., issued on June 26, 2001; and
- U.S. Patent No. 6,266,190 to HIRUNUMA et al., issued on July 24, 2001.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

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Applicant also brings to the Examiner's attention the following copending and commonly assigned patent application:

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/833,611 to TSUKAMOTO et al., entitled "Tremble Correcting Device", filed on April 13, 2001.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(iii), a copy of the above-mentioned application is attached hereto. However, the Examiner is also requested to review the file wrapper of this U.S. patent application at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the references of record, if any, cited therein.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted. Shinji TSUKAMOTO

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